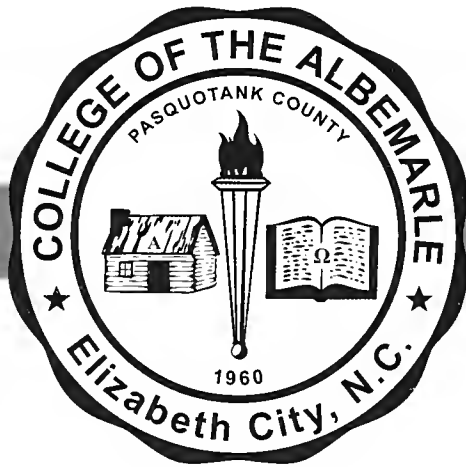


*The Installation of*  
DR. KANDI W. DEITEMEYER



Thursday, the twenty-sixth of August  
Two thousand ten  
at Two o'clock in the afternoon  
College of The Albemarle Community Auditorium  
Elizabeth City, North Carolina



**T**oday we are not celebrating the accomplishments of one individual, but the accomplishments of a community and its College. As College of The Albemarle approaches its 50<sup>TH</sup> anniversary, we want to congratulate those who came before us. We extend thanks and gratitude to the students, faculty and staff, but most of all to the community of northeastern North Carolina for assisting in our educational establishment, for consistently supporting our growth, and earnestly advocating for our future.

It is true; our College has a rich history of providing exceptional educational and workforce development opportunities for our seven-county service area. We know that our success has come from building relationships with community partners who supported the vision of what COA could mean to the region. That vision is still unfolding today and as we move toward the next 50 years, we look forward to continuing to engage and affect the lives of our citizens—helping them fulfill their aspirations, hopes and dreams.

Thank you for celebrating with us! Today, we commemorate the accomplishments of our history, honor the present, and look toward the future with great anticipation.

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COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE

College.  
Community.

Family.



## FIFTY YEARS OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

**T**he founding of College of The Albemarle in December 1960 was an act of civic enthusiasm and the culmination of a great deal of hard work on the part of many citizens of Pasquotank County. These individuals shared a vision that every person should have an equal opportunity to obtain a college education. COA's history has been characterized by continued labor and thought, initially to establish an adequate physical plant, later to broaden the variety of programs available to meet the educational needs of the citizens in the college's seven-county service area, including Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans.

With local interest beginning to develop in 1957, the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce began to focus on establishing a comprehensive community college. In 1959, the chamber's executive committee approved the project and Charles Gordon, chairman of the education committee, agreed to chair the newly established community college committee with members Bill Wagoner, J. Carroll Abbott, J. Henry LeRoy, and John Moore. These gentlemen found the next several months filled with numerous meetings, much hard work, frustration, and disappointment. In April 1960, the committee conducted an extensive survey to determine the number of students in the Albemarle area who would be interested in attending a local community college. Five thousand questionnaires were sent out, and large numbers of respondents indicated a desire to continue their education beyond high school.

The most difficult task was to persuade the voters of Pasquotank County to approve additional taxes to support the college. The campaign to secure the support of the voters of Pasquotank County can best be described as furious. Prominent citizens, including Miss Hattie Harney, Mrs. E. S. Chesson, and Dr. Thomas Nash, wrote "letters to the editor" of the Daily Advance endorsing the college. Boy scouts were persuaded to distribute a brochure showing the advantages to the community of having the college. On November 8, 1960, the vote of the people to support College of The Albemarle became one of the most remarkable features of the College history. The committee continued work by expanding to include additional professional, business, and educational leaders and set the fall of 1961 as a target date for opening the college.

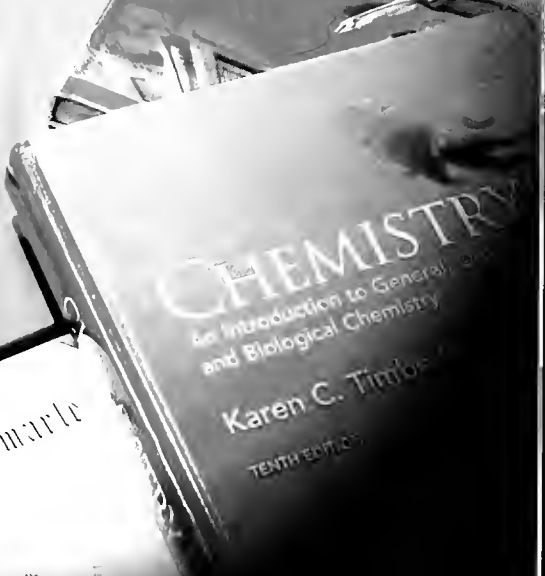
Shortly after, a charter was issued on December 16, 1960, the first under the state system, and the first Board of Trustees was appointed for College of The Albemarle. The college opened its doors in the old Albemarle Hospital Building on Riverside Avenue to its first

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freshman class on September 21, 1961, with 113 students. More than 2,000 area citizens attended an open house that same month.

A major event of the first year of operation was Founders' Day and the Inauguration of Dr. Robert Benson held on November 7, 1961. Governor Terry Sanford delivered the principal address saying, "You here on the eastern seaboard are not standing still, you are not looking back; your eyes are to the front on a future bright with promise." Twenty-eight members of the first graduating class proudly received their degrees on May 31, 1963, more than eighty percent of whom would go on to four-year colleges.

In 1963, the North Carolina Legislature passed a new community college act which placed the community colleges under the jurisdiction of the newly formed department of community colleges, part of the department of education. On July 1, 1963, College of The Albemarle was accepted as the first comprehensive community college in North Carolina under the new system. The college received accreditation from the North Carolina College conference and became a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges. Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) came in December 1968.

By fall 1968, enrollment had grown to 700 students and by 1969, full-time college employees numbered nearly sixty. The most pressing need of the college at this point was a resolution of the problem of inadequate physical facilities. In June 1969, the college secured an option on forty-two acres of land adjacent to and north of Albemarle Hospital. From the summer of 1972 through 1985, the campus would grow to hold four major buildings providing space for classrooms, science laboratories, state-of-the-art vocational and training labs, the library, and a 100-seat lecture auditorium. Also included is the COA Community Auditorium, which features a theatre stage, and a 1,000-seat auditorium available for community use.

In 1984, College of The Albemarle opened the Dare County Campus in Manteo as the first satellite campus of the college. The college had offered classes in Dare County as early as the 1960s in various borrowed facilities, but population growth and student demand justified the opening of a full-time campus. The Dare County Board of Commissioners acquired a skating rink for conversion to the campus that housed seven classrooms, a combination library/learning lab, a large lab for electrical and air conditioning/refrigeration classes, five offices, and a workroom. Classes began in September 1984 with nearly 250 students.

College of The Albemarle has significantly expanded its offerings in Chowan County. Started as an Adult Education Center with a mission to improve literacy, the then-named Chowan County Center was made possible through the efforts of The Chowan Herald, Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, Chowan County government, Edenton town government, and North Carolina National Bank (NCNB). In December 1992, the College moved from its initial location (former NCNB Bank) to a larger facility just a couple of blocks away. Offering more than just basic skills instruction in reading, math, GED preparation and English as a

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Second Language classes, the Chowan County Center facility at the Edenton Village Shopping Center afforded students and volunteers additional space and made available curriculum courses and a variety of corporate and continuing education courses at a single Chowan facility. Today, the Edenton-Chowan Campus Administration Building at 1316C North Broad Street houses classrooms, offices, a seminar room, a student lounge, conference room, Basic Skills Lab, and is co-located with the Employment Security Commission/JobLink Career Resource Center.

As enrollment at College of The Albemarle continued to increase, the college opened a technology center on the north end of its Elizabeth City Campus in 2000. The John Wood Foreman Technology Center, named in 2007, is home to the COA Corporate and Continuing Education division, the Department of Distance Education, and other college academic computer/electronics and business departments. The building houses six computer classrooms, one open-access computer lab, and COA's information highway room.

In early 2003, Chowan County offered COA space at the former D.F. Walker Elementary School on Oakum Street in Edenton. COA's culinary program immediately moved into the existing cafeteria at the site and a three-year renovation plan was developed. Additional programs were eventually moved to the new space, which was then renamed the Edenton-Chowan Campus. The Edenton-Chowan Campus, at 824 Oakum Street, houses COA's Industrial Skills Technology, Culinary Technology, and Corporate and Continuing Education programs. The Edenton-Chowan Campus is proud to offer a number of certificate and diploma programs, as well as college-transfer courses.

The Edenton-Chowan Campus continues its strong history of offering Basic Skills programs, Workforce Development, and Corporate and Continuing Education courses. Corporate and Continuing Education courses include workforce development training, employability skills training, computer training, and a wide variety of self-interest classes. The Culinary Arts Community Conference Center is also available for education and training initiatives.

In partnership with the YMCA of South Hampton Roads, the college built the Dr. Zack D. Owens Health Sciences Center and the Albemarle Family YMCA, which opened in 2004, on the Elizabeth City Campus north side. With this new building, the college's health sciences offerings were greatly expanded and enhanced with state-of-the-art laboratories, simulation mannequins, a surgical technology laboratory, and equipment associated with each health science program of study. COA's Phlebotomy program joined Surgical Technology, Medical Assisting, Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing in 2006, and Medical Laboratory Technology was added in 2007.

During the spring of 2006, COA was able to move into part of the former Manteo Middle School — recently renamed the Roanoke Island Campus of COA. The facility, owned by the County of Dare, has been leased to the college for 40 years. A full-scale renovation of the existing structure and the construction of a new 20,000-square-foot building on the site have recently been completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony taking place on February 15, 2010. Presently, the Roanoke Island Campus is home to Corporate and Continuing Education and Workforce Development classes such as Certified Nursing, HVAC, boat building, electrical, small engine

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repair, carpentry, and introduction to computers, to name a few. A number of personal enrichment classes are also taught there, such as guitar, conversational Spanish, and digital photography. The Professional Arts building is home to COA's Welding Program, Professional Clay, Professional Jewelry, Boat Building, HVAC, English as a Second Language, and Basic Skills courses. The site also features a gallery to show works of art from local artists, as well as student jewelry and pottery.

In 2008 COA partnered with Pasquotank County, Albemarle Health, Kate B. Reynolds Trust, College of The Albemarle Foundation, the Elizabeth City Foundation and The Cannon Foundation to expand the existing Building A. With 24,000 square feet of space, the new building's first floor houses the college's offices of admissions, scholarships and student aid, and counseling. It also features additional student services, a centralized reception area, and computer kiosks allowing students to register for classes online. The second floor of the new building houses two new science labs, while the existing labs in Building A were renovated

as well. This gave the campus a total of five state-of-the art science labs. The second floor also includes a 120-seat tiered lecture hall. The expansion connects Building A via a glass atrium. As stated at the ribbon cutting event for this project, "The new AE Expansion Building represents more than just a new college building. It represents what can be accomplished when community partners work together. These partners provided substantial funding for a project that provides brand new, state-of-the-art facilities for COA students."

Almost fifty years after receiving its charter and the first students beginning classes, College of The Albemarle presents a striking contrast with its rather humble beginnings. The differences between the early years and the present are astounding, and these differences apply to every category of quantifiable measurement: the number of programs and courses, students, faculty and staff, campus space, buildings, and equipment. The initial curriculum enrollment in September 1961 was 113 students; 1,487 began the 1984-1985 school year; today over 5,000 students are served each year by COA. And let us not forget the residents served by our Corporate and Continuing Education programs, which for 2009 totaled over 9,400 students.

As COA comes to the end of its first fifty years and looks toward the next fifty years, the college will strive to continue to serve the residents of northeastern North Carolina, maintain and foster the many community and business relationships that have been formed over the years, and to ultimately change people's lives ... one student at a time.





## FORMER PRESIDENTS

"I light my candle  
from their torches."

- Robert Burton

1961 - 1963	Dr. C. Robert Benson
1963 - 1966	Dr. Robert I. Hislop †
1966 - 1968	Dr. Bob Barringer
1968 - 1975	Dr. S. Bruce Petteway
1975 - 1992	Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr.
1992 - 1993	Dr. Gerald W. Bray - <i>Interim</i> †
1993 - 1998	Dr. Larry R. Donnithorne
1998 - 1999	Mr. James P. (Pat) Harrell - <i>Interim</i>
1999 - 2002	Dr. Sylvester E. McKay
2002 - 2010	Mrs. Lynne M. Bunch

† Denotes Deceased

# DR. KANDI W. DEITEMEYER

President, College of The Albemarle

**F**ollowing appointment by the College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees on February 19, 2010, and approval by the State Board of Community Colleges on March 19, 2010, Dr. Kandi W. Deitemeyer became College of The Albemarle's ninth president on April 16, 2010.



***To appreciate and gain  
true joy in your life,  
I believe you have to  
give unto others.***

She brings to College of The Albemarle 18 years of experience in higher education with 15 of those years within community college systems. In those systems, she has provided leadership in both multi-campus and state structured organizations. She has held positions in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Florida.

Prior to her leadership at College of The Albemarle, Dr. Deitemeyer has served as Vice President of Academic Programs and Services at Davidson County Community College in Lexington, North Carolina (2008-2010), College Provost for Gateway Community and Technical College in Covington, Kentucky (2006-2008) and at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, North Carolina, as a Vice President and Dean of Students Services (2003-2006).

She served the University of South Florida as Director of Education Programs (2000-2001) and Director of Academic Programs (1999-2000) at one of the university's regional campuses in Lakeland, Florida. Dr. Deitemeyer began her higher education career serving at Polk Community College

in Winter Haven, Florida (1992-1999) in various capacities including Advisor, Coordinator of Advising and Assistant Director of Student Services.

Dr. Deitemeyer earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, a Masters Degree in Counselor Education, and a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications & Public Relations from the University of South Florida in Tampa and an Associate of Arts Degree from Polk Community College in Winter Haven, Florida.

# WHERE DO I FIND JOY?

Faith. Family. Friends. Colleagues. People. Relationships.

As we celebrate this day, I give thanks to God, my family and my close friends — they are the reasons I am fulfilling this call on my life. Collectively, they continue to encourage me, pray for me, and challenge me to pursue all that God has for me.

Becoming President of COA has been a tremendous experience in my journey — it too is bringing great joy to my life. In truth, I am not here by my own accord. I have been very blessed along the way, by so many individuals who lovingly cared for me — to them I am forever grateful. They sacrificially gave of their time and wisdom, not to mention many extended opportunities to me that are too numerous to mention.

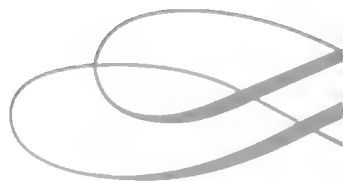


Yet, nothing has given me greater joy than being a wife of 20 years to my incredible husband, Gary — he truly has made the most sacrifices for me to live out my dreams. Together, we have the privilege of being parents to Zoe Grace — joy does not capture the blessing and beauty she gives our lives.

Professionally, I have found my greatest joy in teaching other leaders along the way. Perhaps my way of giving back to those who helped me? I am no scholar and my teachings are few, but I believe you lead from a posture of influence and not power — truly, influence is all that any of us has — and others generally appreciate this approach. Moreover, I have tried to get others to recognize that “if you pour yourself into people”— you will not lose!

To appreciate and gain true joy in your life, I believe you have to give unto others. Daily, I try to approach my life and work from the posture of servant. I am realizing along the way in this journey of life that you have to reach a place of peace and understanding — that people, relationships and caring for others is the greatest measure of success.

In short, it's all about relationships.



# DELEGATES

from Colleges and Universities

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| 1891 - Elizabeth City State University<br><b>Dr. Willie J. Gilchrist, Chancellor</b> | 1965 - Durham Technical Community College<br><b>Ms. Wanda Maggart</b>         |
| 1948 - Mid Atlantic Christian University<br><b>Dr. D. Clay Perkins, President</b>    | 1965 - Randolph Community College<br><b>Dr. Robert Shackleford, President</b> |
| 1960 - University of South Florida<br><b>Dr. Steven Permuth</b>                      | 1970 - Bladen Community College<br><b>Mr. Jeffrey Kornegay</b>                |
| 1963 - Sandhills Community College<br><b>Mr. Richard Gough</b>                       | 1971 - Halifax Community College<br><b>Dr. Harriet Morrison</b>               |
| 1964 - Fayetteville Technical Community College<br><b>Dr. Larry Keen, President</b>  | 1971 - Roanoke-Chowan Community College<br><b>Dr. Pocahontas Jones</b>        |
| 1964 - Pitt Community College<br><b>Dr. G. Dennis Massey, President</b>              | 1971 - Stanly Community College<br><b>Dr. Michael Taylor, President</b>       |
| 1965 - Davidson Community College<br><b>Ms. Jeannine Woody</b>                       | 1979 - Brunswick Community College<br><b>Ms. Sharon Thompson</b>              |

*\* Delegates are ordered by Chartered Date.*

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# INAUGURAL CEREMONY

## Prelude

- \* **Inaugural Procession**.....Northeastern High School Concert Band
- \* **Presentation of Colors**.....USCG Color Guard
- \* **National Anthem**.....The Albemarle Chorale
- \* **Invocation**.....Rev. Dr. Charles L. Foster, Sr.  
*Pasquotank County*

**Welcome & Introduction**.....Dr. W. Roger Lambertson  
*Chair, COA Board of Trustees*  
*Camden County*

**Greetings & Felicitations**.....Demetrius Stokley - *President, SGA Elizabeth City Campus*  
John Figura - *President, SGA Dare County Campus*  
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**Hallelujah, Amen**.....The Albemarle Chorale

**Presidential Coaches & Encouragers**.....Dr. Steven Permut  
*Professor of Education, University of South Florida*  
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*President, Randolph Community College*

**Presentation of the President**.....G. Matt Wood  
*Past Chair, COA Board of Trustees*  
*Pasquotank County*

**Presentation of the Medallion**.....Dr. W. Roger Lambertson

**Oath of Office**.....The Honorable J. Carlton Cole  
*Superior Court Judge, 1<sup>ST</sup> Judicial District*

**President's Address**.....Dr. Kandi W. Deitemeyer

**Benediction**.....Rev. Dr. Charles L. Foster, Sr.

**The Lord Bless You and Keep You**.....The Albemarle Chorale

- \* **Recessional**.....Northeastern High School Concert Band

Please join us for a reception in the AE Building Atrium. Music prepared by Leslie Ericson and Dr. Steven Raisor.

\* Audience Please Stand

# THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

## The Seal of Our College

The President's Medallion is the insignia of office worn by the President at graduation and other occasions of academic ceremony. Like the academic procession with its robes and colorful hoods, the tradition of academic insignia originates in the first universities of Europe.

The medallion used in today's ceremony is a one-of-a-kind navel brass cast presidential medallion given by Pitt Community College. The medallion was produced by Calvin Mayo, Department Chair of the Machining Technology program at Pitt Community College. The medallion was constructed on a 3 axis Computer Numerical Control, (CNC), milling machine. Once the artwork of the medallion was complete, the finished design was imported into CNC programming software with machining time at approximately 45 minutes. Upon final inspection of the medallion, a clear coat of lacquer paint was applied for protection.

The medallion is the Official Presidential Seal. The seal consists of a rendering of a wooden house with the letter "alpha," the first letter of the Greek alphabet. This is symbolic of the first public school house in North Carolina which was located in Pasquotank County. The seal also includes an open book that is symbolic of knowledge. The Greek letter "omega" in the open book is symbolic of the fact that College of The Albemarle was the latest educational institution to be established in Pasquotank County. This act was later superceded by legislation creating the present community college system, under which COA was the first institution chartered.



The school house and book are displayed on either side of a torch symbolic of the flame of illumination and of the enlightening mission of the college. At the base of the torch is the date of 1960, representing the year in which the college was chartered. At the top of the torch in a half circle is the name of "PASQUOTANK COUNTY" in which the college's main campus is located.

The medallion symbolizes our historic beginnings and pays tribute to the visionaries who brought COA to northeast North Carolina. The College serves seven counties with three growing campuses in Elizabeth City, Manteo, and Edenton.

# ACADEMIC REGALIA

## The Spirit of Education

The custom of wearing distinctive dress for academic ceremonies began in Europe in the Middle Ages. The clergy was the literate class, so early academic costume was patterned after that of the church. Scholars wore heavy gowns, usually black or brown, at all times. They also donned hoods during the winter since they lived, taught, and studied long before the days of central heating.

In the United States, gowns first appeared for graduation in 1887 at Williams College in Massachusetts. The professionally made gowns evoked favorable comment, and other institutions adopted the practice.

The master's gown is black, with long, pointed sleeves hanging loosely from the elbow. The doctor's gown is usually, but not always, black. Three horizontal velvet bars adorn each large sleeve, and velvet panels extend down the front edges of the gown to the hem.

The "Oxford cap" with its square, stiff crown is most commonly worn. The tassel hanging from the left side of the cap is black for Masters and gold for Doctors. The "Cambridge" model is a soft tam resembling an overlarge beret.

The colorful hood draped from the shoulders is the most symbolic feature of academic regalia. The Master's hood is three and one-half feet long, with a three-inch velvet border. The Doctor's hood is four feet long with a five-inch velvet border. The color of the velvet denotes the academic discipline of the degree. Colorful silk linings identify the institution awarding the degree.



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